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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application of: CEVC, Gregor  
Serial No.: 09/621,574 Filed: July 21, 2000  
Examiner: Kishore, G.  
For: PREPARATION FOR THE APPLICATION OF AGENTS  
IN MINI DROPLETS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Attn: BOX RCE  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

September 28, 2001

Sir:

Please enter the following amendment before the examination of the above referenced application.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claim 41 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 31, 38, 46, 52-69 as follows:

31. (Twice Amended) A preparation suitable for transporting active agents through permeability barriers, comprising a plurality of transfersomes in a medium, said transfersomes comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable lipid and a pharmaceutically acceptable surfactant which is compatible with said lipid, the ratio of said lipid to said surfactant enabling said transfersomes to undergo sufficient deformation to enable said transfersomes to pass as an entity through a permeability barrier which has pores smaller than the size of said transfersomes, wherein the total concentration of said lipid in said